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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, EEWT, CVIS, RO

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EMIGRANTS TO U.S.

REFS: A. STATE 252773; B. BUCHAREST 5448; C. BUCHAREST 5490

1. WE APPRECIATE CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFS B AND C ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR THIRD-COUNTRY PROCESSING OF ROMANIAN EMIGRANTS INELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT ADMISSION TO US AS DESCRIBED REF A. WE RECOGNIZE A DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY WHICH WILL NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL WE HAVE SOUGHT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF A. HOWEVER, FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED BELOW, WE BELIEVE WE MUST PROCEED WITH
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THE PROCESSING OF THIS GROUP UNDER THOSE PROCEDURES UNTIL

WE HAVE DETERMINED BEYOND QUESTION THAT THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT WORK, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL NOT PROVE TO BE THE CASE.

2. AMBASSADOR BARNES CONFIRMS THE CONTENT OF DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU AS OUTLINED PARA 9 REF. C. HOWEVER, REGARDING POINT C OF THAT PARAGRAPH, IT IS AMBASSADOR BARNES' RECOLLECTION THAT MACOVESCU WAS RESPONDING TO HIS QUESTION WHETHER GOR WOULD CONSIDER REVIVING OUR PREVIOUS APPROACH. HE BELIEVES THAT THE NEW PRACTICE OF INVOLVING A DIRECT US ROLE BY PLACING OF A SEALED US VISA STAMP ON THE PASSPORT MAY REPEAT MAY SATISFY THE STATED ROMANIAN REQUIREMENT FOR "OUR SOLUTION" TO THE PROBLEM.

3. WHILE DIRECT ADMISSION VIA PAROLE WOULD BE A SURER PROCEDURE THAN THIRD-COUNTRY PROCESSING, FOR INTERNAL USG REASONS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO EXHAUST ALL AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES PRIOR TO REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR SPECIAL PAROLE AUTHORITY.

4. VISA STAMP WILL BE POUCHED NOVEMBER 1. (REG. 2123155)

5. AMBASSADOR BARNES CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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